कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा): (क) केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड बड़ी और मझौली श्रेणी के उद्योगों से होने वाले उत्सर्जनों और बहिस्रावों की निगरानी करता है । राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कानूनों को लागू करते हैं कि ये इकाईयां निर्धारित मानकों का अधिसूचित समय के भीतर अनुपालन करें ।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड अपने क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों के जरिए फैक्टरियों का नियमित रूप से निरीक्षण करता है, उद्योगों से निकलने वाले बहिस्रावों और उत्सर्जनों तथा परिवेशी वायु गुणवत्ता के स्तर की निगरानी करता है ।

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में जिन-जिन स्थानों पर प्रदूषण की समस्या मौजूद है उनमें मुख्य है बिलासपुर जिले में कोरबा तथा दुर्ग जिले में भिलाई-दुर्ग क्षेत्र ।

(घ) एक कोरबा कार्य-योजना शुरू की गई है । छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र से अधिक प्रदूषण फैलाने वाले अधिकांश उद्योगों ने अत्यधिक प्रदूषण फैलाने वाले उद्योगों के बारे में केन्द्रीय बोर्ड द्वारा जारी किये गए निदेशों के अनुसार या तो प्रदूषण नियंत्रण उपकरण लगा लिए हैं अथवा लगा रहे हैं । छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र में स्थित दो मद्यनिर्माण शालाओं ने अपने बहिस्रावों के शोधन के लिए मिथेन रिकवरी सिस्टम स्थापित कर लिए हैं इसी प्रकार अकाल तारा संयंत्र को छोड़कर इस क्षेत्र के सभी सीमेंट संयंत्रों ने प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के उपकरण लगा लिए हैं । अकाल तारा इकाई में भी प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के उपकरण लगाने का कार्य प्रगति पर है । मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड (पूर्व) बाल्कों के कैप्टिव बिजली संयंत्र में प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के उपकरण लगाने का कार्य प्रगति पर है जबकि भारत एल्यूमीनियम संयंत्र (बाल्कों), मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड (पश्चिमी) राष्ट्रीय ताप बिजली निगम कोरबा तथा आई० बी० पी० कोरबा ने प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के उपकरण लगा लिए हैं । बोर्ड इस क्षेत्र के उद्योगों से होने वाले प्रदूषण पर नियमित निगरानी और निरीक्षण के जरिए कड़ी निगरानी रखे हुए है । बिलासपुर रायपुर और जगदलपुर में क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय तथा कोरबा और भिलाई में उप-क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय खोले गए हैं ।

Falling of trees in Darjeeling Hills

1755. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government are aware about the massive falling of trees in Darjeeling Hills in the roadside of Hill Cart Road; and

(b) if so, the details of preventive measures taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) There are no large scale falling of trees in the road side of Hill Cart Road in Darjeeling Hills. However, stray cases of fallings are not denied.

(b) Government has taken following preventive measures to protect Himalayan Region :

(i) Strict implementation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and amendments;

(ii) Promulgation of West Bengal Forest (Establishment and Regulaion of Saw Mills and other Wood-Based Industries) Rules, 1982 for exercising stricter control on saw mills;

(iii) The Indian Forest Act (West Bengal Amendment, 1988), 1927, providing for stringent measures.

(iv) Government of India has recommended to consider banning of green falling above 1000m attitude in Himalayas;

(v) The G. B. Pant Himalayan Institute for Environment and Development is engaged in research and development studies;

(vi) Strengthening of Forest protection forces with improved communication facilities, arms and ammunition;

(vii) Formation of village Forest Protection Committees.

Deaths of Animals and Reptiles

1756. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of animal and reptile deaths that took place in Zoo's at various parks and under private/municipal authorities during the last one year;

(b) whether Government propose to prepare a guideline for proper maintenance of the zoos/park and for welfare of animals; if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Governments propose to amend or introduce changes in wildlife protection laws to protect the animals and reptiles in captivity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) This information is not compiled and collated in this Ministry. There is no institutional framework to ensure maintenance of such data by all the Zoos and its collation on central basis. It is expected that the recognition of the Zoos having become mandatory, the newly constituted Central Zoo Authority would devise some system of collecting and compiling such information in future.

(b) The Government has established Central Zoo Authority following the amendment of the Wild Life (Protection) Act in 1991. The Central Zoo Authority have framed Rules for Recognition of Zoos which, *inter alia* lay down the standards and norms for housing, upkeep and veterinary care of the animals;

(c) No, Sir. The Wild Life (Protection) Act has been comprehensively amended in 1991.

Social Forestry Scheme

1757. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the social forestry scheme under implementation in various States;

(b) whether any targets have been set and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) achievement made by during the last three years (State-wise); and the role played by private sector vis-a-vis voluntary organisations in the social forestry programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Afforestation/tree planting including Social Forestry are continuing activities, undertakeh in the States, depending on the allocations in the Central and State Plans. The main programmes include the Externally-Aided Forestry Projects, Rehabilitation of Degraded Forests, Strip Plantations, Farm Forestry, Production Forestry, Control of Shifting Cultivation, Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme, Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme, Desert Development Programme, Drought Prone Areas Programme, Scheme for Generating Rural Employment, etc.

(b) and (c) The State-wise targets & achievements for afforestation/tree planting activities including social forestry, during the last three years, are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CLXVI, ANNEXURE No. 31].